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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 6, 2006, received prior to the filing of the present Request for Continued Examination, the Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration of the above captioned patent application in view of the amendments and arguments set forth below.